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The Honorable Dennis Chavez
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Chavez:

Upon my return from a short trip overseas, I received your recent letter requesting a brief statement on this Agency's activities and the name of the person in charge of our activities in [redacted]

The Central Intelligence Agency coordinates the foreign intelligence activities of the United States under provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Congress). This Act specifically provides that CIA have no internal security functions, and should concern itself only in the field of foreign intelligence. For these reasons we carry on no activities in the State of [redacted]

Any queries which citizens of your State may have regarding employment with CIA should be addressed to our Personnel Director at 2430 E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Broad general queries should be addressed to my office where they will receive prompt attention, but you can well understand that the nature of our work and the security restrictions surrounding it would make it impossible for us to answer any but the most general questions. For these reasons CIA has no outstanding booklets or literature concerning its activities, and in fact we do not even have a public information officer.

I would like to thank you most heartily for the kind statements and understanding regarding the merits of Government employees contained in the opening paragraphs of your letter. I certainly concur in your sentiments in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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